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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-19. (canceled)

20. (new) In a convertible motor vehicle adapted to move in a normal travel direction and having a seat and first and second storage compartments spaced in the direction and extending transversely of the direction behind the seat, the improvement comprising:

an arcuate and rigid roof shell having two rear end posts defining a rear opening, the first compartment extending laterally of the seat in the direction forward past the seat;

guide rails extending laterally of the seat in the first compartment to each side of the seat in the direction forward past the seat;

respective guide slides on the rear end posts and riding on the guide rails, the roof shell being displaceable along the guide rails between an up position wholly out of the first storage compartment and a down position wholly in the first compartment with the guide slides laterally flanking the seat; and

a rear windshield fittable in the opening between the posts; and

guide means in the second storage compartment for displacement of the rear windshield between a lowered position in the second storage compartment and a raised position fitting between

- the rear end posts of the windshield in the up position thereof and closing the rear opening.
- 21. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the guide rails are arcuately curved.
- 22. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the posts are provided with reinforcement braces.
- 23. (new) The improvement defined in claim 22 wherein
 the reinforcement braces are pivotal between a bracing position
 bearing on both the respective posts and a body of the motor
 vehicle and an out-of-use position not bearing on both the respective post and the vehicle body.
- 24. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20, further comprising:
- drive means including a motor connected to the slides for displacing the roof and posts the guide rails between the up and down positions.

- 25. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the roof shell has front and rear parts and includes means for displacement of the front part between a front position mainly forward in the direction of the rear part and a rear position with the front part vertically aligned with and stowed on the rear part.
- 26. (new) The improvement defined in claim 25 wherein the front shell part includes a slide and the rear shell part includes a rail on which the slide is shiftable and a pair of arms having outer arms pivoted on the rear-shell rail and inner ends pivoted on the rear shell part.
- 27. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein
 the rear windshield is arcuately curved and centered generally on a
 horizontal axis extending transversely of the direction and is
 forwardly concave in the raised position.
- 28. (new) The improvement defined in claim 27 wherein the second storage compartment is forward of the first storage compartment relative to the direction.
- 29. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein both of the compartments are arcuately curved and generally centered on a horizontal axis extending transversely of the direction.

- 30. (new) The improvement defined in claim 29 wherein the second storage compartment is forward of the first storage compartment relative to the direction.
- 31. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein
 the rear windshield is displaceable into the raised position even
 when the roof shell is in the down position.
- 32. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20, further comprising
- a compressible seal between a periphery of the rear
 windshield and the roof shell and posts in the raised position of
 the windshield and up position of the shell.
- 33. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the shell and the first compartment are arcuate and generally centered on a horizontal axis extending transversely of the direction.
- 1 34. (new) The improvement defined in claim 26 wherein 2 the roof shell has a front edge provided with a roll bar, the roll 3 bar projecting upward behind the seat in the down position of the 4 roof shell.

- 35. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the guide rails are profiled.
- 36. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the slides have rollers riding on the respective rails.
- 37. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the roof shell is pivotal on the slides.
- 38. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the rear windshield is pivotal on a body of the vehicle.
- 39. (new) The improvement defined in claim 20 wherein the second compartment is provided with guide rails for the winds shield.